

ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE.

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The Advice Came Home to Roost.

The president of one of the prominent railway corporations in America was making a stirring address to an audience of young men and dwelt with particular emphasis on the necessity of making a good appearance.

"When you are looking for work," he said, "be careful that you are presentable. If you have only \$24 in the world, spend \$20 for a pair of shoes, \$3.50 for a pair of socks, 50 cents for a hair cut and shave. Then walk up to the job wherever it is and ask for it like a man."

This advice was greeted with great applause, and the railway president sat down amid a storm of cheers.

The very next morning a dapper looking young fellow walked into the outer office of the orator and, handing a note to the clerk, said, "Please give this to the president." The note read as follows:

"I have paid \$20 for this suit of clothes, \$3.50 for a pair of shoes and 50 cents for a hair cut and shave. I have walked from Harlem, and I would like a job as conductor on your road." He got the job.

Waste of Postage.

The lawyers were discussing the merits and demerits of a well known member of the New Orleans bar who had been gathered to his fathers, and one of the party, says the New Orleans Times-Democrat, recalled the time when he studied in the old man's office. He had a copying clerk whose inefficiency continually worked the judge up to the point of explosion. One day a wire basket fell off the top of his desk and scratched his cheek. Not having any courtplaster, he slapped on three postage stamps and went on with his work.

A little later he had some papers to take to the United States court, and, forgetting all about the stamps, he put on his hat and went out.

As he entered the office the judge raised his head and fixed him with an astonished stare. The clerk stopped and looked frightened and finally asked:

"Anything—er—wrong, sir?"

"Yes, sir," thundered the old gentleman. "You are carrying too much postage for second class matter."

Dangers of the Apothecary.

The distilled essential oil of almonds, which when diluted supplies the popular flavoring for sweets and confectionery known as "almond," contains in its strongest form a sufficient percentage of hydrocyanic acid to make it highly dangerous. A young man who was executing an order by pouring it from a large bottle to a smaller one noticed that he had not put the label quite straight on the smaller bottle and took it off again. Before replacing the label he licked it to make sure of its sticking properly. But while pouring he had inadvertently let a drop or two trickle on the outside of the bottle where he had affixed the label. Then when he touched the label with his tongue he felt as if something stung along that member and also a jump of his heart. So he rushed to a tap, which was fortunately close at hand, and put his tongue under the running water. Never as long as he lived, he said, would he forget that poisoning sensation.—Chambers' Journal.

The Cat and the Tail.

Once upon a time a cat who prided herself on her wit and wisdom was prowling about the barn in search of food and saw a tail protruding from a hole.

"There is the conclusion of a rat," she said.

Then she crept stealthily toward it until within striking distance, when she made a jump and reached it with her claws. Alas, it was not the appendage of a rat, but the tail of a snake, who immediately turned and gave her a mortal bite.

Moral—It is dangerous to jump at conclusions.

A Good Use For Old Graveyards.

There are now in London and its immediate neighborhood 300 public recreation grounds, varying in size from Epping forest, which, with Wandsworth, is over 5,000 acres in extent, to little city gardens and playgrounds measuring an eighth or tenth of an acre. These include 100 plots of ground which have been used for interment, parish churchyards and other disused burial grounds, of which the largest is eleven acres and the smallest a few yards square.—Humanitarian.

Soldiers Are Like Children.

To the medical man the soldier is very like a child—that is to say, he suffers from precisely the same diseases as children. In any large army hospital you will find rows of patients down with measles, scarlatina, diphtheria, mumps and sometimes whooping cough. In fact, the soldiers' hospital is as like as can be to the children's hospital.

Knew an Exception.

"It's always the man with one idea that succeeds in life," the strong minded woman observed.

"I don't know about that," replied the girl. "The only idea Harold Billmore has had in his head for six years is that I'll marry him some day, and I wouldn't do it if he were the last man on earth!" —Chicago Tribune.

Pat's Reply.

Cardinal Manning met one day a drunken Irishman on a London street and said, "Patrick, I have joined the temperance society."

"Perhaps your reverence needed it?" was Patrick's reply.

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Hindrances to Success.

Many a man with great brain power and fine physique who started in life with good prospects has failed to attain great success because of little idiosyncrasies, peculiarities of speech or manner, things not in themselves vicious or wrong, but which render him disagreeable or unacceptable to those who have dealings with him.

If it were possible for us to write of all the little things which have cut down the average of our success and to calculate just how much each has contributed to the whole, it would be most helpful.

For example, one young man's advancement has been cut down 25 per cent by bad temper, a surly, disagreeable disposition; another's by carelessness in dress, an unkempt or slovenly appearance, and yet another's by a sharp tongue or an unkind habit of criticizing.

Many a brilliant and capable stenographer has failed to advance because she had disagreeable habits that annoyed her employer, who, while he recognized her ability, preferred a less able stenographer who had amiable and agreeable qualities. The lack of amiability has stood in the way of advancement of many an employee who wondered why he did not get along.—Success.

The Ear.

As delicate as the organ of vision is that of hearing, and as careful a watch should be kept upon it, so that no loss of that more exquisite sense may occur.

When several blind persons were questioned as to which they would rather do without, their visual organs or those of hearing, the majority declared in favor of hearing. We feel a compassion for the blind; for the deaf we are not often sympathetic. The spectacle of a sightless individual touches us to tears; that of one who cannot hear provokes almost a feeling of drollery. Yet no doubt the loss of one organ is as pathetic a thing as the loss of the other.

Many erroneous ideas still exist in the public mind that interfere seriously with the work of the skilled aurist. Too many people think that the ear is so delicate an organ that nothing whatever can be done to alleviate any distress arising therein and allow a trivial disorder that might be rectified by an aurist to bring about a case of partial deafness that settles into permanency.

Dirt in Dainty Carpets.

For housewives who pride themselves upon the spotless floor coverings The Drugists' Circular gives the following recipe for removing spots of dirt from carpets:

Make a soda with a good white soap and hot water and add fuller's earth to this until the consistency of thin cream. Have plenty of clean drying cloths, a small scrubbing brush, a large sponge and a pail of fresh water. Put some of the cleaning mixture in a bowl and dip the brush in it. Brush a small piece of the carpet with this; then wash with the sponge and cold water. Dry as much as possible with the sponge and finally rub with dry cloths. Continue this till you are sure that all the carpet is clean; then let it dry.

Joseph Jekyll's Repentance.

An attorney named Else, rather diminutive in his stature and not particularly respectable in his character, once met Jekyll. "Sir," said he, "I hear you have called me a pettifogging scoundrel. Have you done so, sir?"

"Sir," said Jekyll, with a look of contempt, "I never said you were a pettifogger or a scoundrel, but I said you were 'little Else'."

The following epigram was written on Dr. Letson, then a well known doctor:

When folks are sick and send for me,
I purges, bleed and sweats 'em;
If after that they choose to die,
What's that to me? I Letson.

—Gentleman's Magazine.

Started the Natives.

Herrera, the Spanish historian, says that Pizarro, when he landed in South America, owed his life and those of his companions to the fact that one of the party fell off his horse by accident. The natives had succeeded in cutting off the retreat of the Spaniards to their ships. The Indians were so astonished at the dissolution of partnership that they took flight at once. They had supposed horse and man to be one animal.

Work.

Work in every hour, paid or unpaid. See only that thou workest, and thou canst not escape the reward. Whether thy work be fine or coarse, planting corn or writing opies, so only it be honest work, done in thine own approbation, it shall earn a reward to thy senses as well as to the thought. No matter how often defeated, you are born to victory. The reward of a thing well done is to have done it.—Emerson.

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